

HAMLYN BANKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND POLICY

AIM

1. To develop a safe, stimulating and environmentally pleasing playground in which all students, together with the wider school community, can develop and enhance aspects of their physical and social skills.
2. To develop appropriate behaviour/attitudes in students when sharing and caring for a common community space.

GUIDELINES

1. Hamlyn Banks Primary School will adopt the official DEECD stated guidelines, in conjunction with 'Circular 101/2005 Guidelines for School Playgrounds' Australian Standards AS/NZ4486.1:1997 Playground & Playground equipment. Australian Standard AS4685(Set)-2004 *Playground Equipment*.
2. Further information on *The Guidelines for School Playgrounds*, is available through the DEECD website address, 'School Infrastructure and Site Management'. Further information can be sourced via 'Playgrounds and Recreation Association of Victoria.
3. Hamlyn Banks Primary School will refer to these and any other appropriate standards in regard to playground equipment/adventure playgrounds/playground surfacing/design for access and mobility as required.
4. Hamlyn Banks Primary School will ensure that any new work or the refurbishment of any existing playground resources, meet the requirements of the 'Building Quality Standards Handbook' issued by DEECD.
5. All current equipment/surfaces will be examined against the guidelines for 'compatibility' and any alterations required will be treated as a priority by the environment school council sub-committee.
6. Any new equipment/surfaces supplied or installed must meet all the requirements as set out in the '*standards documentation*' as listed above.
7. The environment sub-committee will act as liaison between the school council, principal and outside contractors (if required).
8. The environmental sub-committee will be responsible for ensuring that the audit of the schools play equipment and play surfaces is undertaken each term by the OH&S representative and the Principal. This will be timetabled to occur on the first Monday of the new school term
9. As faults are recognised they will be made safe expediently.